

CLASSIFICATION **SECRET**COUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC Loadings at the Weissenfels Railroad Station andObservations at the Kindel Training Grounds

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 18 April 1955, individual reports of light artillery were heard from the Kindel training grounds. Details of 5 to 6 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia arrived aboard regular passenger trains at the Eisenach railroad station for some time. Motor vehicles

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were seen en route to and from the training area.¹

2. At 0945 on 26 April, the following shipment was unloaded at the Eisenach freight station: 4 T-34/85 tanks, 15 guns of 60 to 80 mm 2 guns of about 105 mm, 12 boxcarloads of billeting equipment

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During the unloading, the station was strictly guarded by VP and civilians, presumably SSD (state security service) members.¹

3. Between 0900 and 1700 on 25 April, billeting equipment was loaded onto 4 freight trains at the Weissenfels freight station.

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The unit presumably left for a summer camp.²

1. Comment. Elements of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, presumably of the 76th Arty Brig from Merseburg, were transferred to the Kindel training grounds.

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2. Comment. This is a first indication of the transfer to the Kindel training grounds of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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